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SUBJECT: PORT SECURITY PROGRAM FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: STATE 199008

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES AUTHORIZATION TO DELIVER TO MFA THE US NOTE REDUCING ADVANCE NOTIFICATION AND VISA PROCEDURES FOR CZECHOSLOVAK VESSELS AND CREWS ENTERING US PORTS.

2. WE SEE NO REASON TO RUSH DELIVERY OF THIS NOTE ACCOMMODATING CZECHOSLOVAK CONCERNS WHEN EMBASSY CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE PERSISTENT FOOT-DRAGGING BY GOC ON MANY ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US. THUS, WE PREFER TO POSTPONE DELIVERY, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER MFA PROVIDES CLARIFICATION OF GOC POSITION ON ELIMINATING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON CLOSED ZONES. AFTER RECEIPT OF SUCH CLARIFICATION, WHICH WE ANTICIPATE WITHIN A FEW DAYS, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MOST OPPORTUNE TIME TO DELIVER PROPOSED NOTE, WITHIN THE GIVE-AND-TAKE OF OUR ONGOING CONTACTS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. MY INCLINATION IS TO WAIT AWHILE, TAKING INTO  
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ACCOUNT CZECHOSLOVAK POSITIONS ON CLOSED ZONES,

THE PROGRESS OF RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL/  
EDUCATIONAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT,  
FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK'S TIMETABLE FOR RECEIV-  
ING ME, SPACIL'S RETURN FROM HOLIDAYS, AND  
PERHAPS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, BEFORE DELIVERING  
THIS NOTE. IF WE WAIT UNTIL END OF AUGUST,  
WOULD IT STILL BE POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT SUGGESTED  
CHANGES IN PORT ENTRY PROCEDURES BY SEPTEMBER 15?  
MY VIEW IS THAT WE MIGHT DO WELL TO DEFER DELIVERY  
AT LEAST UNTIL THEN -- AND PERHAPS LONGER.  
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